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Dear Phil:

I have been giging some further thought to the realities of the prospect that you suggested to me of joining PSAC. Reluctantly, I have had to come to the conclusion that the next year or so would be the most imappropriate time for me to undertake this kind of additional responsibility. I look forward to the time when I might be able to give a different answer to such a suggestion, but it would really be out of the question for me right now.

I don't know if you are interested in any alternative suggestions, but I would mention James F. Crow, in case you had not already thought about him.

Please accept my apologies if I have inconvenienced you by not giving you this kind of reply sooner, but I am quite convinced that the answer I am giving you now is the only wise one possible.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg Professor of Genetics